

Saturday

January 8th 1906

My Dear Sam:

I have just wakened up to the fact that I have waited longer than usual in sending you a letter. More Christmas letters than usual & several outside letters that required my attention have run the number up to about 14 for Dec. I wrote several times to Will during his visit to Tontogary. He took his family about the first of Dec for a visit to the Mr Gale & the Lawrence family - They made some arrangements as to expensal,

That would be satisfactory
all round & be to the advan-
-tage of the poor preacher.
There are five of the Lawrence
children & when the greater
number of the eight took the
chicken pot I guess they thought
there were more than 8 all to-
-gether - They had a fine Christ
& lots of presents - Will went
to Toledo & several other places
near Tonawaga - On Saturday they
had their Turkey dinner - On
Christmas day they had a
church service for the children
the household attending - even
little "Amy Glasgow" - Then on
Monday they had their real
Christmas - presents, stockings &
all. Had gas lighted rooms &

hid away the presents as our
children I did in the long ago
besides the piano, chair & every
thing covered with presents -
We took our Christmas dinner
with Homers family & they
came to us for the day on
Monday Jan 2nd having the
great pleasure of Tom being ^{with} us -
He had written some time ago
he hoped to come as he might
have another trip to N Y & Washycta
A telegram came on Saturday
^{saying} he would be with us that night
On Sunday he sat in our pew
obeying Mr Bodells invitation
to preach or sit up on the
platform. He met & spoke to a
great many of his friends - both
Madison & Danora people -

He wrote to Will to meet him
at Fort Wayne Wednesday evening
Tom arriving at 5 o'clock & Will
at 7 - He also had a visit to
Peoria. If he decides to leave
Madison his friends in Peoria
insist on him going there. He
could not be happy without
some of his "kith & kin". Aunt
Kate would love to have him
with her & they would all feel
they couldn't do enough for him
& his family. Tom writes he
met Mrs R R McKee in Indianapolis
Had a nice call there with
Boone & other friends. He has
started off for Washington to
attend to the Indian question
once more. He says Susie is
looking so well & Lenore is a
"Treasure" & a jewel. Your loving Mother

Mrs. Samuel S. McKee

Thursday

201

March 30th 1905.

"Praise God from whom
all blessings flow."

My dear children

How can I write
what I want to say?

The glad tidings have quite
upset me. How did the
letter of Feb 28th reach
me so soon. The "code"
has not been used - Have
heard nothing from Dan
Rafail - and to think
of the baby being a month
old when the wonderful
news reached us. Rob
brought in the big letter

while I was making a
call with Mrs Clark
We at once determined to
send for the carriage &
drive down to tell Mrs
Palmer - she wasn't at home
We then drove round to find
Ella, knowing she was in town
found her & then telephoned
to Howard - then sent a
telegram to Susie. I gave
the telegram to Rob - thus
"James M. & Kee Moffett
arrived in Korea - every body
happy" - Feb 28th How I
wish I might be in your
home for a few days that
I might have the "Lamb" in
my arms & hear the sound

of his voice - Only yesterday
I received your letter telling
of the glorious outpouring in
your churches & ⁱⁿ the Country
all around. I had just-
finished reading that for the
third or fourth time when the
big letter was brought in.
Will & his family left us
this morning for Peoria to
make that their home as I
have written you. How I will
miss Will. I have always
depended on him & consulted
him in all business matters.
Cousin Edgar & his family
will make it very pleasant
for him - Aunt Kate is delighted
to have them. Rev. Jack knows
some of the Peking Yang Missionaries

What a happy thought in
Mrs Fish to send Miss
Castro to you & Alice.
It surely would be the greatest
comfort & I wonder if any
body ^{else} would ever have thought
of it. I have wondered day
after day what I could send
Alice for her comfort - but
gave it up knowing Mrs Fish
would think of every thing.
Could the sable gown have been
drowned on the Pacific journey?
Perhaps it will come yet -
I can scarcely wait for the
next letter. With the greatest
love & thankful heart to know
that all's well -

Your loving Mother

June

Tuesday

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April 25-1905

My Dear Sam & Alice

How are we ever going
to stand it - to wait - a whole
year before seeing the wonder-
ful boy? Thank you for the
letter written in the rush of
work - to Howdie & to me.
Came Monday morning - you surely
know long before this that we
did not receive the cable-gram
Mrs Fish very kindly wrote
to me telling of the disappointment
But - as we didn't get - the
benefit - I hope you can recover
something at that end of the
line. Why does the baby cry?
He ought not cry for an hour
at a time - I wonder if he

get enough to eat - What are
your rules for feeding? - When
Lenore had those crying spells
we found she was hungry -
Did Susie write you of the
dreadful accident that happened
the Lamb - Her clothes catching
fire from the stove - It was put
out & the Dr there in the shortest
time but it was such a shock
Susie could not recover from it
for several days - It was in March
& on account of Alice I did
not write of it - at the time.
Her neck - face & right hand were
burned but will leave no scars
she is all over it - now & Susie
writes she was very soon her
own little happy self. Ben
Ninde & Helen were South during
the winter - Helen is not strong

at all & it seems necessary for
her to have change of climate
often - Susie does not say yet
where she will spend the warm
months - she may visit Minona
during the General Assembly & later
the Bible School - going back
& forth from home & think that
may satisfy you an outing.

I want her very much to spend
part of the summer on the hill top
with us for I cannot go alone
& I think many would enjoy it.
I do not think she will go back
to Washington for she is not
strong enough. Susie thinks Dr
Moffat will not be in & Wayne
another year but I think it
will be the hardest kind of a
pull for ^{him to} resign. He cannot bear
changes & I think his people
would be glad to have him

Just stay on indefinitely.

I would like to tell you the
2nd church experina here but it
is too long a story - They treated
Dr Barnard abominably. He & his
wife are here still but attend our
ch. The church is now own by the
Johnsons & is quite split up but
they are rallying round the new
Pastor Mr Mattingly & doing a
great deal of advertising. Garber &
his wife are taking quite an active
part after absenting themselves from ch
for years - the enclosed good advice
from Conier doesn't come with a
very good grace from them - Mr
Barnard & family have returned
from England & would be glad
to take charge here again - They
are at Jeffersonville but do not
like it - Isn't it strange how
people long for Madison - They would
like a hill top place.

Will & his family are very much
pleased with their new home
Have a very pretty modern house with
grass & trees - a barn & every
convenience - Will expects to come
over the 1st of May for a short-
visit - He enjoys the activity of
the new business & is very
hopeful of success. How your
good work goes on & now
you are ready & waiting for
some more checks - Well if our
boys here not do set-upon
a new church just now, I would
give you almost any amount?

Robt & Howard are trying to get our
people enthused but it is uphill
work - Those who can well afford
to give several thousand seem to
feel very poor - Our boys talk
church whenever Howard comes over
from the office & Robt keeps on

drawing church plans & interviewing
people who have lots that might
suit - But a site that would satisfy
Rob at all is too high priced.

I am glad the Blind school
has been such a success. Have you
the books with raised letters?

If you have all you wish for that
I will now send the first install-
ment of 50 or 100.00 for the Book
room & Y. M. C. A. building.

So Alice has been teaching the
Blind too - Well I wonder what
she can't do - What do you want
for your work Alice? I want to
send a little package for the
baby, to your mother to forward
to you whenever she sends
anything - Which I believe she
is always doing. I have the
Coral amulet & one of Sam's

Sally Russell to send. I Howard
contributed a silver spoon to the
package so it will not be very
large unless I find some thing
else - we had the Firsty term
meeting here last week,
there was a large attendance
& the Ladies were very much
pleased with their entertainment
& with Madison. I entertained
two at Mrs Edwards board-
ing ^{house} with eight or ten more
Ladies. The accommodations
were far better than at the
Hotel (Madison) very good
fare & nicely served - Rob
decorated our church with
purple & white lilacs - It
was beautiful & the Ladies

exclaimed over the profuse
loads of flowers. We get
great branches from the
hill top - my ragged letter
is almost as bad as your
same - Tell me all about the
baby - your loving Mother

Monday

July 3rd 1900

My Dear Sam & Alice

I hope before another Fourth of July rolls round we will have the precious baby with us & the proud & happy parents. We have had Will & little Emily with us for nearly a week past. - The coal mine shut down for a while in anticipation of a strike so Will takes this opportunity to settle up business & make a visit.

He is a very affectionate, patient father & tries very hard to have the children do what is right & have them obey. Emily does not like to have him out of her sight - but generally makes the best of it - asking very often

"When will papa come back"
She spent the first few days
with Carrie - She is so fond
of babies & was so glad to
have her but - When she came
down to be here for a while she
didn't want to go back, so
we kept her. I am I know you
are all mourning over the loss of
Mrs Hunt? Who can take the
children? Will Matilda take
charge of them on the voyage
or will Mr Hunt - bring them
to Amusee? I have seen only
short notices of her death
I receive the Korea Field
regularly - Who sends it to me?
Howard sent off a man or more
ago a check for \$500.00 as you
requested - Also \$200.00 from him

\$100.00 from me - I enclose the
order on the Treasurer (the 2nd)
the first having been ordered
sent by Howard. Is that the
correct way to put it?²

I used to know something about
Business & banking terms but I
haven't a bit of sense I had
two spells of Gripe. I am
having just a miserable time
in the kitchen - Rosa went
home to nurse her mother weeks
ago - Rob & I packed up &
went to Fort Wayne staying nearly
three weeks - Had a maid 2 weeks
& couldn't keep her - Rosa may
come this week & may not -
Oh I am so tired cooking
& washing dishes. If we
are boarding when you come

home what will you say?
Maids are scarce & so uncertain
one doesn't know what minute
they may leave. Last summer
we couldn't go on the hill top
for not a cook would go & now
I will lose Rosa if we move
up which I don't propose
doing - all the hill top people
have the same trouble - The most
of them have colored girls &
men - Both Rob & I draw the
line there - We sometimes have
meals sent in & we don't like
the Hotel fare. Nellie came up this
afternoon to help me but there are
not many days that she can
leave home. I would make an apology
for my writing if your Maids do
much noise. Please print a little
concern. Good night. Your loving Mother

c. 1887?

Madison, Ind.

Tuesday,

July 25 - 1905

My Dear Sam & Alice & Baby:-

I have lots to write - but - my strength gives out -

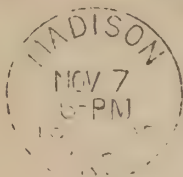
I wish I could fly
 right over the sea & turn
 by back upon the kitchen
 & all house hold affairs.
 Rosa is sick & didnt-put
 in an appearance this morning
 & here I am all alone in the
 house & responsible for the
 dinner. Rob is on the hill
 preparing our place for a wagon
 sette full of pic nicker for
 the afternoon & evening. I have
 engaged a maid to go with me
 to clean up the cottage for the
 Bamfords - What do you think
 of that? - The B's have always

delighted in the place so I
thought they might occupy it
for a month or two - July 26th

Nellie & I were at the cottage
all yesterday afternoon cleaning up
& preparing for the Barnfords
It will seem strange to give up
the place for a time but Rob
will keep up his work & continue
to beautify the flower beds, the
"Park" etc. - But I must tell you
about Clinton. Two weeks ago
he suffered great pain in bowel
or more properly the groin - There
seemed to be a misplacement or
something the Dr didn't understand
(Dr Ford) He advised consultation
with Dr Ranshoff of the Jewish
Hospital, Cin - Howard didn't want
to lose any time - By telephone
he made an engagement for the

next morning at 8 o'clock for
consultation or operation. Of
course it was the latter - The boat
was delayed by fog but by ten
or later there was a successful
operation - It was a rupture
of the bowels - Dr Ford advised
Howard not to stay in the operating
room for the patient always seems
to suffer so greatly when under
the influence of chloroform or
(whatever other word I want)
Clinton was very brave - He was
very sick for an hour or more
afterward but all went well &
he is still improving - We had some
very hot weather that was pretty
hard on both Howard & Clinton.
The confinement is hard on Clinton
He longs for home & liberty -
But he is very sweet tempered
& a great favorite with the

Nurses in the Hospital. They
bring him a great many nice
drinks & now he has very
good fare - Last week Ella &
Carrie went up for a two
days visit - Had pleasant rooms
near by - they & Howard taking
their dinners at McAlpins in
the City - Howard went prepared
to stay a month if necessary but
I think they can come in another
week - It will be two weeks tomorrow
night - It is a very hard experience
for Howard. He was so anxious &
he is such a devoted father - It
reminded me of Father's experience in
nursing you in Chicago - I was
reading some of those letters not
long ago. How anxious we all were &
how thankful you were spared for your
good work. Do lend me the baby for an hour
I am so lonesome your loving Mother

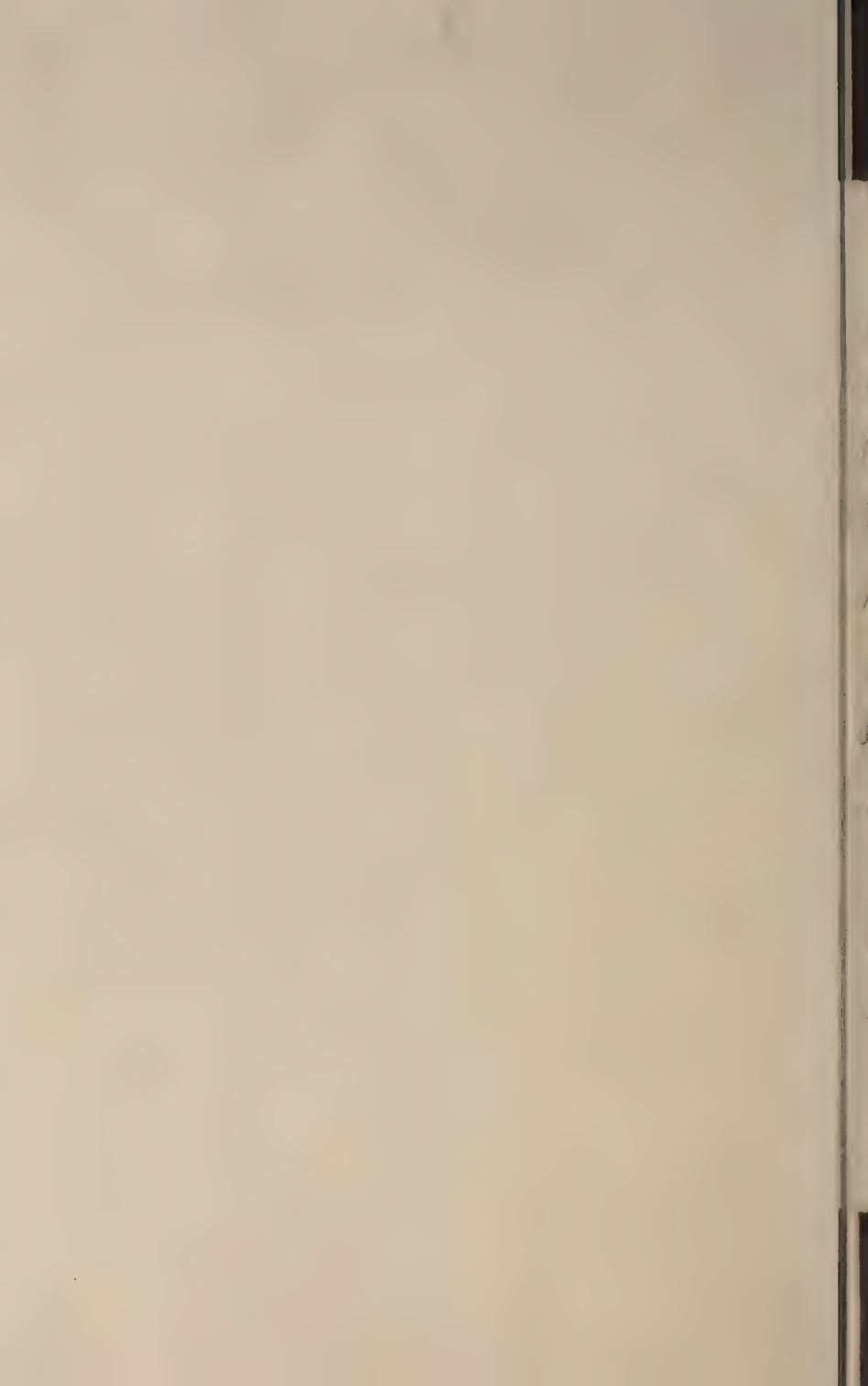


Rev Samuel A. Moffett & Co
Pyeng Yang,
Korea

Handwritten Korean characters, possibly a recipient's name or address in Korean script.

Asia

Via San Francisco



11/6/05

Monday
November 6th 1905

My Dear Sami

To think of the baby boy being over 8 months old & we can't see him & that he will be over 20 many more months old before we can see him. But by that time we will know whom he looks like

How strange this foreign country will seem to him & how he will rattle off Korean & then "United States" just as flip. I would think he would get the languages wonderfully mixed which do you teach him first - does his nurse talk to him does he answer anything good. I wish he was

here this minute to see
children with their pe
carts. There are more of them in
town than ever before. Clinton's
pretty pony died - that was the
third one they had but they were
getting too large for it - so they
don't miss it much. you wouldn't
know Clinton & Carrie if you
would meet them on the street
they are both taller than their
mother. Rob & I drove up to
Howard's Sat afternoon. Bought
down persimmons & flowers. Howard
is still making improvements. He
has laid Cement walks all round
his house & under the Arbor.
So white & pretty - Had a new
Mission table in the sit
Plain & heavy - made of da

ice call with Ella. The
y good spirits over the
project - does not go out now
except to ride - calls here & to
her Aunt - Ormsby. I think I
wrote of Prof Bairds sudden
death - it was a great sorrow
to the church & such a loss
to his brother Will. Of course
you will hear the sad news long
before this reaches you. I had
written that far when the mail
came in bringing you type written
Report for the year, enclosing a
note from Mrs Fish giving me a
very cordial invitation to visit
her during your sojourn in our
"beloved Country". It would give me
great pleasure to accept if
strong enough to undertake

the journey. But I am
home is the best place
I dread the Winter but I must
have to make up my mind to
be housed up nearly all Winter
We have so much ice & snow I
can only ride out. Susie insists
on Rob & me spending the greater
part of the Winter with them in
Washington but I think it very
doubtful about them being there
Mary is looking for a furnished
house & they think of packing their
furniture in Jan. Tom is very busy
with his Syrochical Miss. work
It will give him greater responsibility
& more work perhaps. Will has thrown
all his time & strength into the
Coal business & I hope he will
make it a success. He
left to nurse a sister

... she will go back to
... was very fond of the
children & didn't want to leave
them. Will has made the acquaintance
- tence of your friend Miss Julia
Johnston - are in the same church
Mr Jack is Pastor & Will
admires him very much. Will
sent for some of my Roman
treasures 2 weeks since for Miss
J to exhibit at their Miss Meeting
I often see articles from her pen
every thing is very good.

Will writes in very good spirits
& will build an addition to
his house. They see the William's
family & enjoy going to the
Park together taking their lunch
... Lizzie are devoted to
... - Emily McKee

of Army Glasgow and
children - Donald was
blocks to Kindergarten, often
going alone. Is a great favorite
with his teacher - She asked
Will to let him spend the
day with her. He carries him-
self with a military air,
& isn't afraid of anything.

I wish Will could spend
more time with the children
I am finishing up this letter
on the 9th & as this is
election day Rob is in a
great hurry - Very much
love to the family.

Your loving Mother

the stray boxes
me to hand.

I don't know what was the
contents of Elias but I
didn't want those sweet little
armlet corals lost. They
can be worn as a necklace
& the mother can wear them.

I gave my coral beads
to Carrie. Was glad to get
Sam's Report. - What a busy
man he is - Wish he
could rest a little more.
Thank Mrs Fish for her kind
invitation. I do wish I
could go. - I will write to
Mother

Postmarked Madison, Ind. Nov. 7, 1905
 San Francisco Nov 11' "
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